

ARTICLE 19A.

CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES.¹

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conservation Commission—appointment and salaries. 2. Office; employees. 3. Powers and duties. 4. Engineer; commander of state fishery force; state game warden. 5. Powers and duties; offices abolished. 6. Barren oyster bottoms. 7. Reserved areas upon depleted natural bars. 8. Control over inspection of oysters, fish and crabs; enforcement of laws; measurers and inspectors. 9. Conservation fund; state game protection fund. 10. Vessels of state fishery force; expenditures. 11. Report to Governor. 12. Object of article; effect of unconstitutional provision. <p style="text-align: center;">Rare Earths and Minerals.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Statement of amounts removed. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14. Examination by conservation commissioner. 15. Revenues, disposition of. 16. Application for permits; fee. 17. Survey, cost of. 18. Applications; approval by commissioner and board of public works; preference; leases. 19. Leases—term and rental. 20. Papers and documents. 21. Legislature may change royalty. <p style="text-align: center;">Water Front Commission.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 22-23. Appointment; terms. 24. Organization. 25. Duties. 26. Construction; does not affect existing agencies. <p style="text-align: center;">Lands Formed by Channel Excavation in Sinepuxent and Chincoteague Bays.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 27. Use of said lands. |
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An. Code, 1924, sec. 1. 1912, sec. 1. 1916, ch. 682. 1922, ch. 29 (p. 67). 1935, ch. 523.

1. The Conservation Department is hereby created and established. The control and executive functions of this Department shall be vested in a Commission to be known as the Conservation Commission,² composed of three members, citizens and residents of this State, all of whom shall be men specially informed, with practical experience and well qualified, in one or more of the following subjects: oysters, clams, fish, crabs, terrapin, wild fowl, birds, game and fur-bearing animals. The members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate not more than two of whom shall be of the same political party, and he shall designate one of said members to act as Chairman of the Commission. The term of the members of the Commission shall be four years from the first Monday in June succeeding their appointment. The Governor shall have power of removal for cause and he shall fill vacancies in the Commission however occurring. In all cases the decision of a majority of the members of the Commission shall be binding. The salary of the Chairman of the Commission shall be Thirty-

¹ Ch. 353, 1939, creating the Commission of Fisheries follows immediately after this Article, as it has been referred to the voters under referendum petition.

² Secs. 2 and 3 of ch. 523, 1935, abolished the office of Conservation Commissioner and provided that the word "Commission" shall be substituted for the word "Commissioner" wherever it occurs in this Article. Sec. 4 of said ch. 523 provides that all acts not inconsistent therewith shall continue in full force and effect.

See arts. 39, 72 and 99.